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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 January 2008.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-9 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 10-20 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 29 June 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/5508)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 6/29/04
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Applicant's correspondence received on 6/29/04 is acknowledged. Claims 1-9 are cancelled. Claims 10-20 are presented for examination.

Specification

The substitute specification filed 6/29/04 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

Claims 18 and 20 are rejected as non-statutory subject matter, which is not patent eligible under 35 U.S.C. 101.

The Examiner notes that the apparatus and system of claims 18 and 20 are directed to software, per se (e.g. A mobile radio subscriber identity module), which does not fall within one of the four statutory classes of invention.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 10, 15, 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Julin (WO 92/19078).

Re claims 10, 20, Julin teaches a method for billing a call made by a user of a mobile radio terminal via the mobile radio terminal and a mobile radio network, the method comprising: determining, by the mobile radio terminal, an entry as to whether a call is to be billed as service-related or private (*see e.g. page 2, lines 23-27 – a service identity and a private identity*); sending a message representing the entry and the identity of a mobile radio subscriber identity module to the mobile radio network; and storing information on the identity and information on the service-related or private nature of the call (*see e.g. page 7, lines 24-33*).

Re claim 15, Julin teaches a method wherein the message comprises an MSISDN or IMSI concerning the mobile radio terminal user (*see e.g. page 1, lines 27-31*).

3. Claims 11-14, 16, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Julin (WO 92/19078), in view of Patel (5,835,856).

Re claims 11-14, 16, Julin does not explicitly teach a method, wherein the call is a current or recently made call; wherein the message is a short message; wherein the message is a USSD; wherein the message comprises identity details concerning the mobile radio terminal user; the method further comprising: detecting an entry of a user before or during or after a call.

However, Patel teaches a method, wherein the call is a current or recently made call (*see e.g. col. 5, lines 1-4*); wherein the message is a short message; wherein the

message is a USSD (*see e.g. col. 3, lines 63-66*); wherein the message comprises identity details concerning the mobile radio terminal user (*see e.g. col. 3, lines 10-21*); a method further comprising: detecting an entry of a user before or during or after a call (*see e.g. col. 3, lines 10-13*).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art, at the time of the invention, to modify Julin and include the steps wherein the call is a current or recently made call; wherein the message is a short message; wherein the message is a USSD; wherein the message comprises identity details concerning the mobile radio terminal user; the method further comprising: detecting an entry of a user before or during or after a call, as taught by Patel, in order to

4. Claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Julin (WO 92/19078), in view of Kelley (2002/0042715 A1).

Re claim 17, Julin does not explicitly teach a method further comprising: assigning, by a billing computer, on the mobile radio network side data representing the entry to a call and taking into account the data for splitting the invoice into private and service-related calls the next time an invoice is produced.

However, Kelley teaches a method further comprising: assigning, by a billing computer, on the mobile radio network side data representing the entry to a call (*see e.g. paragraph 0031 - pressing '1' for personal or '2' for business*); and taking into account the data for splitting the invoice into private and service-related calls the next time an

invoice is produced (see e.g. paragraph 0006 – separate statements for the employer and for the employee).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art, at the time of the invention, to modify Julin and include the steps of assigning, by a billing computer, on the mobile radio network side data representing the entry to a call and taking into account the data for splitting the invoice into private and service-related calls the next time an invoice is produced, as taught by Kelley, in order to better capture the usage of a mobile phone and reasonably allocate the charges.

5. Claims 18 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kelley (2002/0042715 A1).

Re claim 18, Kelley teaches a Mobile radio terminal, comprising an assignable key; and an apparatus for sending, when the key is actuated, a message to a mobile radio network regarding the service-related or private nature of a call made from the mobile radio terminal (*see e.g. paragraph 0031 – the user enters one or more pre-designated keys ---e.g. pressing '1' for personal or '2' for business. These additional keys are recorded by the carrier (=Service provider) and are included in the CDRS. During the separation process calls are identified as employer or employee calls by looking up the entered key and comparing it to what the employer had specified as codes indicating either business or personal transactions).*

Re claim 19, Kelley teach a mobile radio, wherein the key is a softkey of the mobile radio terminal (*see e.g. paragraph 0031 – the user enters one or more pre-designated keys -- e.g. pressing '1' for personal or '2' for business*)

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LUNA CHAMPAGNE whose telephone number is (571)272-7177. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 8:30 - 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Florian Zeender can be reached on (571) 272-6790. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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